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I have more space than I thought I would so I will tell you about my second game with the Aux Armes rules. The scenario dealt with a force of 28 Virginia militia holding a key, fortified farm, a battery of 6 cannons was also along to help out. The Pennsylvania 3rd attacked on 2 sides, the north and East. From the north 30 cavalrymen charged, from the east 30 infantry attacked 6 cannons on a hill for support. In the opening charge 16 cavalrymen were cut down by the militia, yet 14 got within the walls and killed 10 rebs. On the east 22 bluebelllys were cut down before they reached the wall. With the aid of cannon the sharpshooters were knocked off the wall and the gate blown off. Fierce combat enveloped as the the virginian cannoons were destroyed, yet they fought on until overwhelm. Scarcely had the yankees regrouped with there cavalry on the wall, when lo and behold the Tennessee relief column was advancing, biding there time the Federals waited for point blank range and killed 9 the other 23 leaped thru the rubble and did battle until a lone Pennslyvian fell back to the house where he killed 2 more cavalrymen before he himself was defeated. Once again the south has risen both Macdonalds (see page 4) and Brell's farm have been retaken, can the bold confederates cut Grants supply line or are they being lulled into a state of security only to fall into a Union trap??? Only time will tell, be here on Feb 9 and find out.

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The analysis page

Winter 1902

73DU by Robert Blau

This seasons builds are perhaps the most important in the game. All of the biggest powers gained new troops and much information on thier future plans can be gained from the placement of these units.

English builds of an army in Edi probably symbolises either a "beefing up" of the line to Russia or a possible attack against Denmark. The fleet in London could have been put there out of its relative closeness to the North Sea (as opposed to Liverpool) but I suspect it was also out of fear of a French stab.

The French will probably keep up there naval attack on Italy while their armies march across Germany. With a little English cooperation the French can take at least one center.

Austria has two options open to it. Either it can set up a thick defense against possible Turkish attacks or go ripping into Italy trying to beat the French to those centers.

I think Turkey will move its new army into Russia while trying to get its fleets into the MED. Germany must hope for a quick break into the Franco-English alliance. Otherwise it appears only a matter of time.

The same goes for Russia and Germany. Their only chance is to ally with one assailant against the other.

No analyses for 73 EO cause Denhart didnt send one.

Fall 1901 73GX by Joel Klien

It seems many of my predictions did not materialize. Still there are an awful lot of ~~big~~ odd moves being made here (not because I guessed wrong folks!).

In general, England and Germany look good, and may well get into an overwhelming position. France is in good position due to his neighbors but he looks to have tougher sledding than they. Turkey has good possibilities though he may be hampered due to the trouble Russia looks to be headed to. This may be compensated for by Austrian-Italian actions but will have to see.

A few comments on tactics might be appropriate. The French decision to push into Tuscany will get him the two builds that were in mind. Still, it does seem he'll have been better advised to grab one build and move to WMED in light of the Italians in Greece. The trouble is that an army in Tuscany is basically without help and it will take a year to get F Por into the Med.

The Austrian orders because of the error, don't indicate what he had in mind. Still, his lack of a build will hurt. The really interesting moves were Turkeys. The move to Serbia indicates either confidence in Austrian actions or working with Italy (by not moving to Greece). His move to the Aegean was something of a gamble since things could have gotten clogged on a Serbia bounce. His move from Armenia indicated the faint, but he should have moved to Ankara since his alternatives would have been far greater by being able to build in Smyrna. As it ~~is~~ is, if he wants 2 more fleets and if they aren't anti-Russian, he'll have to raise one in Ank, when Smy is more desirable.

Russia's decision to order to Sev rather than bouncing it with Rum*Sev will cause him take a more passive role up north and put tremendous pressure on St Pete since he'll have to build and possibly get another unit up there to.

The diplomatic outlook for 1902 will jell with the re-cording of the builds notably French and Turkish.

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Ernie called me up on Thursday night, saying he had just gotten back to College and his mail was there. He probably sent me his COA and I missed it. Therefore the spring 1903 orders due in 2 weeks (Jan 26), I have orders from everybody but Italy, Germany and England (I didn't keep phone numbers). I managed to get what you want, though I'm not sure what he ordered.

The response from Jim to Greg's article in the Express, three
local Elites. Your editorial was just so short that there's very little to rebut. For instance, how,
when, and where (conditions) do the Arabs get their land back? All immediately with no conditions? A
negotiated settlement? ((I think that the current plan being set up in Geneva is that Israel
will go back about half way across the Suez canal, this opens the canal and gives Egypt the victory.
If things are different, I imagine that Egypt will still come out ahead. I don't know how things
are going on the Golan Heights so I can't predict what will happen there)).

Elton - "To deal with Greg's statement's about the Middle East War. In the first sentence he
nicely states that this war should have been avoided. The big question is how. The expressed
as if the Arabs has been and is to drive the Jews into the sea, at least until they need another
fire. Obviously the Jews will not allow this to happen and see their increased territories
a buffer zone, much like the NATO alliance sees parts of Europe. This is an area to be given
up while the mobilization is completed. If the Arabs were to move up to the 1949 borders Israel
could be overrun before it could get mobilized. Thus the conflict in Territories."

"I won't comment too much about the energy crisis as that is another field and here in
oil rich Alberta...."

"The main point of the issue is, however, the fact that Greg thinks the Arabs should
get their land back. He must base this assumption, or rather opinion on the fact that the Israeli
aggressors took it from the Arabs. If he says just because it was obtained through war I'm sure
Britain would welcome the return of her lost territory of the US and Japan would like her Pacific
possessions back too. (Even it is warmer down there in the US, We could make her the next 13 province)

"But I guess he thinks it is because Israel started the war. World wide opinion is
that the Arabs started the 1949, 1956, 1973 wars. Thus the bone of the contention would be the 1967
war. This was the war in which Israel got back most of her captured territory. Personally I think
the Arabs were on the brink of war and so was Israel. Then one side started it; however it has been
found almost impossible to tell who started this round. All those preplanned and executed Israeli
raids look suspicious but what were all those troops doing on Israel's border?

"This tangle won't be settled until either:

- (1) The Israelis are driven into the sea and the US starts a nuclear war in re-
taliation.
- (2) The Arabs are destroyed but then the Soviets will be annoyed and retaliate.
- (3) Everyone dies of Diplomacy disease

"The war is important too. Besides being a hot point in world tensions a nuclear war
could start there now, by itself. At present Frog 7 missiles are in use by the Arabs; these missiles
can carry warheads of city blasting size. Also Scamp missiles are at present supposedly trained
on Tel Aviv and other Israeli citys. And finally don't think the US would let the Israeli's down
in this category. After all over \$2 Billion worth of arms shipments aren't all peashooters and pop-
guns. ((You do bring out a few things Jim, but allow me to make a few points:

Point 1-You ask how to end the war, there are 2 ways, total annihilation of one side or a diplomatic
agreement. When the Arabs get their land back they will remain peaceful until Israel starts something.
There had been peace for more than 10 years before Israel attacked the Arabs.

2-You think in 67 that both sides were on the brink of war? Well, Jordan who had 6094 of her soldiers
killed/had 22 modern jet fighters as her airforce yet only 16 pilots, were they ready for war? I
doubt it.

3-If Israel is driven into the sea don't count to much on the US starting a nuclear war in re-
taliation, it will never happen. The US might intervene with a few Marines, but its not worth it to
start a nuclear war. I believe tho, that tactical nuclear weapons are now present there.

4-The fact remains that Israel attacked the Arab nations, and occupied parts of the Arab nations.
The Arabs have attacked us in an attempt to get their land back, it's that simple)).

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"After the second World War, I was strongly anti-Jewish because of the killing of English troops and their families in Palestine by the Haganah and Stern groups. Since reading more history, I found the British reaped the crops they had sown. In wars over a hundred years, they and other European nations had promised the same pieces of land to both Israel and Egypt, as well as to Turkey and other mideast nations."

"~~My~~ Israel ~~needed~~ it needed to survive, but ~~it~~ into orange groves and farmlands, by ~~confederate~~ ~~Arabs~~ where the previous camel drivers used it for grazing, moving on when their flocks ~~would~~ ~~would~~ the land?"

"I wouldn't trade with the Arabs at all, come down along the rail without the food and luxuries they import, as the rest of us could or ~~can~~ restricted petroleum products."

"In regards to allies-the Japanese? They didn't appear to offer so much help in WWII. In North Africa Italy as did the Israelis, who fielded small contingencies, in all theaters, as well as being numerous in the resistance movements in Poland and Western Europe."

"I don't particularly care to have my views published. Permission was given to publish anonymously), but just thought I'd try to dislodge you of your erroneously placed sympathies. In 6 of the 7 Arab-Israeli wars, the Arabs have done the attacking and initial invasions, after numerous and continuous acts of violence, planned to provoke Israel. (Well if you want to get technical I'll agree about the Japanese not being allies in WWII. Would you agree that we are friendly with them? I will also agree that Israel made use of the largely sucking up a billion barrels of oil a day, Arab oil. Of course the facts still remain that it is Arab land and not Jewish. Nuff Said))

Pro Arab

John Boardman Re your comments on the 4th Arab-Israeli war; Don't go all out in support of Israel, 6f???) or future events may saw off your line. Israel holds the key to the Indian Ocean, which the USSR wants; the USSR ~~wants~~ holds Jews which the Israelis want. Any sort of deal may find Israel wants. Any sort of deal may find Israel as the Soviet straw-boss in the Middle East, and Israel's cheering section in the US look rather foolish. (In my lifetime, signals have been changed 3 times with regards to Germany) ((Very interesting, does anybody have any comments or rebuttals towards some of these comments??)).

Warfare with Miniatures by Greg Derrity

Dawn, May 14th, 1863, 27 men of the New York 5th Infantry are resting at a small farm in northern Virginia, a 9 man patrol from the 12th Vermont Cavalry brigade are escorting a battery of 6 cannons to the south. A large confederate force is approaching, what will be the outcome???

This is the situation that I used for my first game of Civil War miniatures, I was using the AUK ARMEES rules. These are for 9mm Napoleonic figures, but can be easily adapted to HO with a little imagination. But Onward with the story of the battle!

The confederates have set up 6 cannons on a hill overlooking the farm, a force of 30 Virginian cavalrymen and the same amount of Infantry prepare for the assault on the position. The battle begins as the confederates charge, 10 cavalrymen fall but 4 Federals are hacked up by the flashing swords of the rebels. The 9 escorting cavalry assault the remaining 13 rebels, the union battery is in the destruction of the cavalry. With the aid of the 2 batteries on the hill the Virginians charge, killing all the yanks outside the house. It now becomes a battle to see if the remaining rebels can make it to the house before they are cut down, 6 make it. It is now a battle within the house; Finally 2 federals are left on the second floor, while one rebel is on the first, then two artillery shells hit the second floor, demolishing it and the 2 soldiers. The battle is over and the Macdonald farm is held once more by the south!!

These rules were developed by Pete Bennett and are available for 40¢ in stamps from Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, Biddeford Maine 04005. I heartily recommend it for anybody interested in miniatures, or as an introduction for newcomers (which you might classify yours truly s)

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